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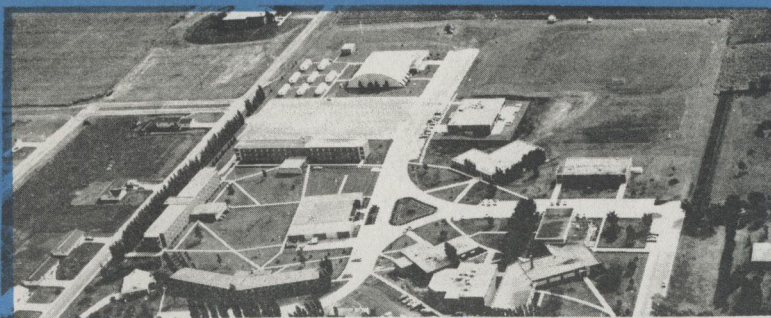
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## Voting Members Approve New Chapel-Music Center

At a special meeting of the Voting Members on Thursday evening, May 6, consideration and approval was given to plans, as presented by the Board of Trustees, to build a new 1200 seat chapel-auditorium and a 12,000 square foot music building adjoining the chapel.

In presenting the need for a chapel-auditorium, the Board of Trustees stated: "We are convinced that regular chapel services should be an integral part of Dordt's academic endeavor. Coming together regularly in a worshipful setting to be commonly challenged by the Word of God is a critical ingredient to healthy, Christ-directed learning."

Dordt's existing auditorium was built in 1958 with a seating capacity of 400. Today's student body totals close to 950 full time students. Because of its space limitations, the present auditorium discourages

chapel attendance and has made it increasingly difficult for Dordt to maintain a meaningful chapel program.

The new chapel-auditorium will also be designed to serve as a music performance hall, with a large 30' x 60' stage allowing adequate performance space for choirs, orchestras, bands, etc. The chapel will also contain an appropriate pipe organ.

The board was also faced with a number of other pressing problems regarding space: the need for several large rooms for an expanded art program; the library has reached the point where the language laboratories, now located in a 43' x 26' room in the basement of the library, must be moved to another location on campus to make room for books; the music department's need for more classrooms, practice rooms, and offices; additional offices are needed for faculty members; and the need for a large theology

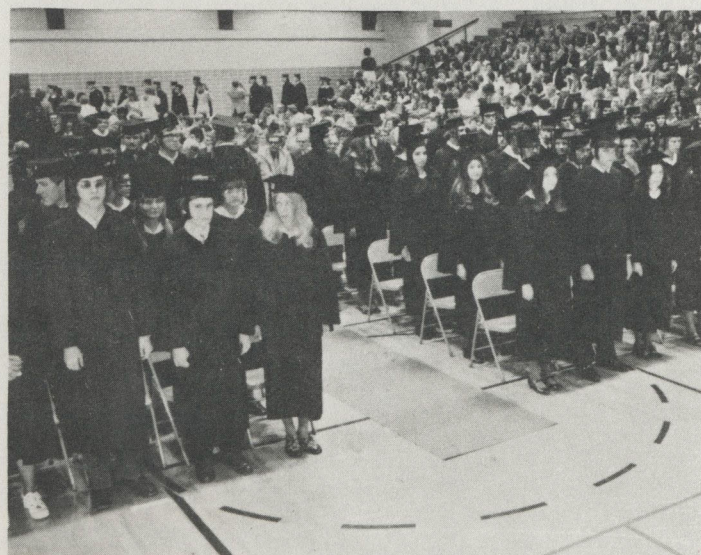
lecture hall.

The college administration and Board of Trustees concluded, after considering other alternatives, that the most economical and prudent step would be to build a music building adjacent to the new chapel-auditorium, which is the logical location for the music department, and use the old music building and auditorium to take care of the other pressing needs for space.

The new music building will be a 12,000 square foot two story structure that will contain rehearsal rooms, classrooms, practice rooms, and studios. It will be about twice as large as the existing music building.

Federal funds, either grants or loans, are not available nor wanted for this project. All the needed funds will have to come from private gifts. A major fund-raising campaign for the building will be undertaken by the college within the next 3 or 4 months.

## 152 Dordt Seniors Receive Diplomas



One hundred fifty-two graduating seniors turned their tassles and picked up their diplomas in the twelfth annual Dordt commencement exercises, on Friday morning, May 7, 1976.

For the twelfth consecutive ceremony, Nick Van Til, one of Dordt's original faculty members, served as the Academic Marshall.

Graduates and faculty members filed in to the organ and trumpet music provided by Joan Ringerwole, assistant professor of music, and Jeff Hall, graduating senior.

Dr. Lawrence Den Besten, professor and vice-chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals, addressed the graduates and friends on the greatest crime of our day—the dullness of the brain which can lead to spiritual dullness and the deterioration of the whole personality.

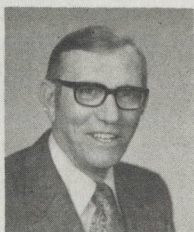
"Only a small minority will be able to avoid this dullness," Den Besten explained, by "Living on the Edge of Adventure." Because God ventured into history, man can avoid the pervasive dullness of our times and live an adventurous life in God's Kingdom, summarized Den Besten.

Dr. Douglas Ribbens, vice-president for academic affairs, announced the candidates, while President Haan and the Rev. Edward Blankespoor, president of the board, handed out the diplomas and congratulated the graduates.

The Dordt College Concert Choir performed their last two numbers for the season: "Cantique," by Faure, and "My Soul Shall Be Joyful," a piece Director Dale Grotenhuis composed especially for the 1976 Concert Choir.

Many parents from coast to coast traveled to Dordt College to attend the commencement exercises. Mild Iowa weather and a luncheon in the Dordt Commons contributed to a warm reception and fond farewells after the ceremony.





## From the President's Pen...

by Rev. B. J. Haan

### Holding the Initiative

There are many private colleges today which are struggling to maintain the status quo. The major part of their energy is concentrated on keeping the given institution(s) from falling further behind. One does not hear of great plans for the future. Stated somewhat differently, there is a significant number of private colleges which have lost their momentum, which no longer are holding the initiative.

What has happened to these colleges? Why are they caught in a bind? Several reasons can be cited. For one thing, some private colleges were overly optimistic during the sixties. They thought the college boom would never level off or come to an end. In their eagerness to keep pace with the expected on-going increases in enrollments, too many colleges rushed ahead with lavish building programs. They overextended themselves. Then came the quick reversal in enrollments. In several colleges the enrollments did not merely stabilize, which would have been serious enough, they actually decreased. The students just did not come to fill the buildings recently completed and those still in the process of being built.

That was a situation bad enough in itself. What really made matters almost intolerable was the later inflationary economy. Institutions which had gone through one traumatic experience but were beginning to recover from it, quickly found themselves hit by another disaster in the sudden rapid rise in costs. The only immediate way to meet the problem was to increase tuitions. But that had its ill effects as well. How many prospective students could afford the price of education in private colleges? This raised a far more significant and painful question. Are private church related colleges offering a truly distinctive, Christian education? Or are the majority of them fully as secular as the state schools only with a facade of Christianity? Today many church related private colleges are hard pressed when asked to spell out their distinctiveness. Students have sensed this. Consequently church related colleges without a bona fide purpose are truly in deep trouble. No wonder that the future looks dim and the initiative is lost on these campuses.

#### Dordt's Advantageous Situation

We can be grateful to God that Dordt College does not face the dismal prospects of many others. Fortunately, Dordt did not over-build nor build ahead of its needs. We have often said that Dordt chose to remain at least two years behind its needs in providing facilities. By this policy there was little danger of being caught in an embarrassing position—buildings but not enough students. In fact, Dordt continues to house a large number of its students off campus. Thus we could meet

rather sizeable decreases in enrollments without the threat of financial disaster in the student housing area.

Furthermore, and this is significant, Dordt did not suffer enrollment setbacks as others have. True, we did get hit fairly hard in inflation. Tuition had to be raised considerably. But this did not result in loss of students. And with greater financial support from our people, we have been able to remain fiscally sound.

Now why does Dordt enjoy strong enrollments and continued support from its people? We like to believe that this is due primarily to the fact that Dordt is a distinctive Christian college. Its purpose is clearly defined, honored, and implemented. God's people have confidence in Dordt, love its program and are happy to see their sons and daughters attend this institution. Wherever we go, we find a wonderful reception as Dordt representatives among the constituents. And students, by and large, are pleased with the college's academic program and campus influence. There is confidence and evidence that graduates of Dordt are respected by both the academic and the general community.

#### Courage to Move Ahead

In a sense Dordt is now in an enviable position. It stands ready to capitalize on its advantages. But will we have the courage and the support necessary to move ahead, to maintain the initiative, to keep the momentum? In the past our boards and people have demonstrated remarkable foresight and action. We are confident this will continue. Although we can be happy about Dordt's present status, in a sense we should feel that Dordt is only at the beginning. What we have been doing is to a large extent laying the groundwork, getting ready for higher and nobler service as a Christian college. We have made our mark. Now we must forge ahead to a greater realization of our goals and aspirations.

There are crucial needs at present that must be met to insure Dordt's future, to prepare Dordt for its role in the days ahead, to keep Dordt on the forefront of academic excellence and to strengthen its appeal to prospective students in a day when secular institutions are zealously bargaining for our sons and daughters.

At its last meeting in May the larger board (voting members) decided without a dissenting vote to move ahead to meet Dordt's needs. The board, administration and faculty are ready and eager to move ahead. And we are very optimistic concerning the people's readiness to respond to our challenge. Let us look to the Lord as we plan great things for His greater glory through the life and labors of Dordt College.

## Bicentennial Campus

### Designation Given to Dordt

A bicentennial flag waves over Dordt's Bicentennial Campus as a symbol of Dordt's participation in the two hundredth birthday celebration of our nation. Many Dordt faculty have spent long hours planning various activities to help celebrate this national event.

During the school year, Dordt filled its calendar with bicentennial activities. A special history course, team-taught by several Dordt professors, took an in-depth look at America in the eighteenth century. A bicentennial lecture series focused on the American Civil Religion. "The Contrast," the first play written by an American and using American characters, constituted the Thaliens' spring production.

Research, writing and supervising over 60 researchers took a couple summers for Dr. Mike Vanden Bosch. The history of Sioux Center, *A Pocket of Civility*, retells the past for a bicentennial audience.

From mid-June through July 4, the Sioux County Chorus, directed by Dale Grotenhuis, will perform American songs, patriotic works and selections from our folk-song heritage in various towns in the county. "Fair Land—God Given Heritage," a song written by Nick Van Til and arranged by Grotenhuis, will highlight the concerts.

"1776," a musical setting of America's history using Sioux County talent, will be directed by James Koldenhoven and Gerald Bouma. The musical will run four nights in Te Paske Theatre through July 3.

## Etcetera

Five Dordt professors will continue their studies on leaves of absence during the coming year. John C. Vander Stelt will work on his doctoral dissertation in theology, Marion Vander Ark will continue her studies in educational psychology, and William Nawyn will take off the second semester to complete his studies in American history. Two other professors, Noel Magee and John Struyk, will continue their leaves of absence for another year, in music and German respectively.

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On April 21, Dordt held its first all-college speech contest, with \$150 in prizes provided by an anonymous donor. Dan Dykstra was judged the original oratory winner, Cindy Holtrop was first in interpretive reading and Doug Vande Griend took the lead in extemporaneous speaking.

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A delegate from the Dutch Reformed Church spent two days on the Dordt campus during his 3½ weeks of ecumenical discussions in the United States. Dr. Willem Balke spoke on Calvin's view of society and economy and the radical movements at the time of the Reformation in two public lectures at Dordt, April 26 and 27.



## Dordt Society Elects New Board

### Members

Nineteen new voting members, three new trustees, and a new president of the Board of Trustees have been elected recently by and from the Dordt College society for the next year. The Dordt society is made up of members of the Christian Reformed Church from the western half of the United States.

Voting members are elected directly by the society of the college. The 64-member body meets every March for broad supervision, approval of budgets, reappointments and major building proposals. The voting members, in turn, elect a sixteen-member Board of Trustees from among themselves, which meets four times a year for detailed supervision of college operations.

Newly elected voting members are:

#### District I—CRC Classis Minnesota North

Rev. Anthony Louwerse	Willmar, Mn.
Henry Vande Vegt*	Ogilvie, Mn.
Rev. Ted Wevers*	Raymond, Mn.
Donald Groen	Renville, Mn.

#### District II—CRC Classis Minnesota South

Bernard Kooiman*	Chandler, Mn.
Rev. Bert Den Herder*	Luverne, Mn.
Gerrit Esselink	Leota, Mn.

#### District III—CRC Classis Northcentral Iowa

Rev. Kenneth Vande Griend	Ackley, Ia.
Jack Bakker	Wellsburg, Ia.
Dale Voss	Aplington, Ia.

#### District IV—CRC Classis Orange City

Henry Buteyn*	Sanborn, Ia.
Percy Bylsma	Le Mars, Ia.
Rev. John Fondse	Hull, Ia.

#### District V—CRC Classis Pella

Ed Memmelaar*	Prairie City, Ia.
Rev. Gerrit Vander Plaats*	Oskaloosa, Ia.
Howard Groenendyk	Cedar, Ia.

#### District VI—CRC Classis Sioux Center

Edwin Veurink*	Harrison, S.D.
Berwyn Krommendyk	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Rev. David Smit	Inwood, Ia.

In addition to five re-elected members to the Board of Trustees, the following new trustees were elected:

Bill Goeman	Clara City, Mn.
Bernard Kooiman	Chandler, Mn.
Ted Van Bruggen	Sioux Center, Ia.

The Rev. Edward Blankespoor, pastor of the Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Orange City, Iowa, has been elected president of the Board of Trustees for a one-year term replacing Dr. Arnold J. Boeve of Sheldon, Iowa, whose term on the Board of Trustees had expired.

\*designates re-elected members



The Rev. Edward Blankespoor (Calvary CRC, Orange City, Iowa) replaced Dr. Arnold J. Boeve as president of the 16-member Board of Trustees.

### New Teachers Hired for Next Year

Four new faculty members have been hired for the 1976-77 school year. Additional information on these and other new staff will be provided in the next issue.

Charles Veenstra, a Dordt graduate of 1968, will be teaching speech-communications courses. He completed his master's degree in speech communications from Northern Illinois University in 1973 and is presently working towards his doctorate at the University of Iowa. Veenstra comes from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, where he taught for two years.

James Schaap, another Dordt graduate from the class of '70, will be teaching in the English department. He received his master's

### Spring Debt Reduction Drive

#### Reaches \$66,000

The Dordt College Spring Debt Reduction Drive has reached the \$66,000 mark with a number of churches left to report in on their results. Director of Development Lyle Gritters estimates that the final figure will total around \$75,000 which will be well above the goal of \$65,000.

The Spring Debt Reduction Drive is conducted every spring to raise funds to cover the debt repayment and interest obligations on Dordt's various academic buildings. Dordt would like to express a "thank you" to the thousands of people who again helped make this drive a success.

degree from Arizona State and is presently teaching in Phoenix.

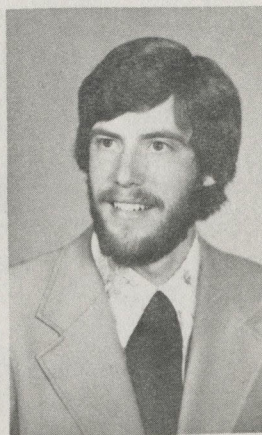
John Visser, currently engaged in business in the Chicago area, will join the business administration department. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Illinois and his master's degree from De Paul University in Chicago.

Clare Doornbos comes to Dordt from the Kalamazoo Christian School, where he taught instrumental music on the elementary and high school levels. A 1962 graduate of Calvin College with a master's degree from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, Doornbos will be teaching music education courses and conducting private instrumental lessons.

### Head Counselors Chosen for 1976-77



Roxanne Nobel



Mark Hugen

A college committee has chosen Roxanne Nobel, left, of Le Mars, Iowa, and Mark Hugen, right, of Phoenix, Ariz., as next year's head counselors of East and North Halls, respectively. They will each provide leadership for six wing counselors and 200 students.

Roxanne, a sophomore majoring in secondary physical education, served on both the discipline and personnel committees, assuming responsibilities in discipline, housing, and rules.

Mark currently serves as head counselor at North Hall, but he will have "a real challenge" since all of his wing counselors will be sophomores, new at the job. He is a secondary math education major.



# The 1976 Graduates of Dordt College

Name	Home Town	Major
Eugene Addink	Sioux Center, Ia.	Business Admin.
Roger Addink	Orange City, Ia.	Mathematics
Sharon Alons	Sanborn, Ia.	Biology
Mary Andersen	Kalispell, Mont.	Biology
Avis Andringa	Orange City, Ia.	Sociology-Psych.
William N. Asma	Fremont, Calif.	History-Philos.
Barbara Beezhold	South Holland, Ill.	Business Education
Jerome Bentz	Artas, S.D.	Natural Science
Lavonne Bergsma	Maurice, Ia.	Special Education
Robert Boer	De Motte, Ind.	Business Admin.
James Bolkema	Ocheyedan, Ia.	Music
Judith Brouwer	Hospers, Ia.	English
Wayne Brouwer	Clara City, Minn.	Philosophy
Robert Bruxvoort	Zuni, N.M.	Business Admin.
Samuel Clark	Edmonton, Alta.	Biology
Clifford De Boer	Littleton, Colo.	Sociology-Psych.
Larry De Boer	Racine, Wis.	Physics-Math
Jerry De Groot	Rock Valley, Ia.	Mathematics
Leon De Groot	Rock Valley, Ia.	Business Admin.
Nancy De Jongh	Edina, Minn.	Special Education
Yvonne De Vries	Lansing, Ill.	Medical Technology
Jerry De Wit	Doon, Ia.	Math-Phys. Ed.
Melody De Wit	Sioux Center, Ia.	Music-Phys. Ed.
Kim Dooyema	Maurice, Ia.	Business Admin.
Susan Du Mez	Oostburg, Wis.	Music
Douglas Eckardt	Vineland, N.J.	History
John Eekhoff	Goldfield, Ia.	Physical Education
Timothy Eekhoff	Goldfield, Ia.	History
Kenneth Eiten	Wellsburg, Ia.	Classical Languages
Michael Epema	Willmar, Minn.	English
Miriam Ernest	Green Brook, N.J.	Communications
Marlene Fisher	Randolph, Wis.	Library Science
Anna Folkerts	Turner Valley, Alta.	Physical Education
Fred Folkerts	Tilley, Alta.	History
Ann Gietema	Abbotsford, B.C.	History
Nancy Goeman	Holland, Mich.	Library Science
John Gorter	Edgerton, Minn.	Psychology
Kathleen Greimann	Klemme, Ia.	Library Science

Name	Home Town	Major
Deborah Haan	Sioux Center, Ia.	Sociology
Norma Haan	Phoenix, Ariz.	Psychology-Soc.
Jeffrey Hall	Sioux Center, Ia.	Music
Ruth Harthoorn	Boyden, Ia.	History
William Helmus	Maple Ridge, B.C.	Physical Education
Marla Hengeveld	Hartley, Ia.	Speech-Drama
Larry Hessing	Oskaloosa, Ia.	Mathematics
Wilma Hettinga	Delvin, Ont.	Physical Education
Sydney Hielema	Tweed, Ont.	Music
Arthur Hogenes	Edmonton, Alta.	Philosophy
Rachel Holleman	Sumas, Wash.	Physical Education
Stephen Hoogerhyde	North Haledon, N.J.	English
Daryl Hoogeveen	Raymond, Minn.	Biology
Gwynn Hoogeveen	Raymond, Minn.	Music
Nancy Huenink	Hawarden, Ia.	Medical Technology
William Huiskens	Edgerton, Minn.	Sociology
Elaine Huisman	Maurice, Ia.	Business Admin.
John Huitsing	Highland, Ind.	Business Admin.
Rhonda Huizenga	Orange City, Ia.	Music
Genise Inman	Smithland, Ia.	Music
Vicky Jeltema	Orange City, Ia.	Psychology-Soc.
Sharon Kamps	Bozeman, Mont.	Library Science
Mark Kauk	Saronville, Neb.	Mathematics
Susan Kempema	Worthington, Minn.	Special Education
Linda Kiel	Maurice, Ia.	Natural Science
Carl Leep	Shelbyville, Mich.	Psychology
Anne Maatman	Pantego, N.C.	Mathematics
Rebecca Maatman	Sioux Center, Ia.	Communications
Richard Marcus	Coyoacan, Mexico	Business Admin.
Belinda Marienau	Ireton, Ia.	Music
Marlys Masselink	Edgerton, Minn.	Psychology-Soc.
Kathleen Mast	Volga, S.D.	Special Education
Pamela Medendorp	Racine, Wis.	Special Education
Stephen Merz	Wasco, Calif.	Classical Languages
Jacquelyn Meyers	Ridott, Ill.	Music-English
Marlys Mulder	Orange City, Ia.	Spec. Ed.-Psych.-Soc.

Name	Home Town	Major
Gary Oosterkamp	Modesto, Calif.	Business Admin.
Kees Poppe	Dresden, Ont.	Philosophy-German
C. Scott Pryor	Radnor, Penn.	Philosophy
David Ralya	Grand Haven, Mich.	Business Admin.
Peter Reedyk	Lethbridge, Alta.	Business Education
Renee Roskamp	Dike, Ia.	Library Science
Donald Ross	Kalispell, Mont.	History
Jeffery Santema	Rock Valley, Ia.	History
Peter Scheenstra	Lynden, Wash.	Psychology-Soc.
Thelma Scheenstra	Lynden, Wash.	Physical Education
Albert Schelling	Orange City, Ia.	Business Admin.
Norene Schemper	Denver, Colo.	Psychology-Soc.
Andy Schilperoort	Sunnyside, Wash.	Sociology
Case Schipper	Kalamazoo, Mich.	Sociology
James Schleis	Rock Valley, Ia.	Physical Education
Elaine Scholten	Boyden, Ia.	Psychology-Soc.
Janice Scholten	Hull, Ia.	History
Sharon Schreur	Kanawha, Ia.	Biology
Marlys Schuller	Geddes, S.D.	Social Sciences
Allen Schut	Hudsonville, Mich.	English
Dennis Selvig	Blue Earth, Minn.	Psychology-Philos.
Bonnie Serr	Eureka, S.D.	Sociology-Psych.
Timothy Serr	Eureka, S.D.	Business Admin.
Jenny Siebring	Mill Bay, B.C.	Language
Janice Slager	Monroe, Wash.	Communications
John Smit	Denver, Colo.	Business Admin.
Rodney Spoelstra	Denver, Colo.	Physical Education
Trudy Staal	Thunder Bay, Ont.	Language Arts
Susan Starkenburg	Hartley, Ia.	Psychology
Daniel Steenstra	Wayne, N.J.	Psychology-Soc.
Ardelle Sterk	Everson, Wash.	Special Education
Sarah Stukey	Polson, Mont.	Psychology
Marvin Sturing	Oskaloosa, Ia.	Special Education
Nancy Sullivan	Thunder Bay, Ont.	Music
Emily Sybesma	Pella, Ia.	History
Linda Tanis	Downs, Kan.	Nat. Sci.-Psych.-Soc.
Ann Telgenhof	Holland, Mich.	Speech-Drama

Name	Home Town	Major
John Te Velde	Lynden, Wash.	German
Raymond Uhlig	Perkasie, Penn.	Business Admin.
Douglas Van Anandel	Lynden, Wash.	Business Admin.
Ivan Van Duyn	Humboldt, S.D.	Physical Education
A. Marie Van Egmond	Bozeman, Mont.	Business Admin.
Donna Van Engen	Rock Valley, Ia.	Mathematics-Chem.
Owen Van Essen	Edgerton, Minn.	Business Admin.
Daryl Van Groningen	Ripon, Calif.	Physical Education
Jay Van Groningen	Clinton, Miss.	Sociology
John Van Groningen	Clinton, Miss.	Music
Deanne Van Heuvelen	Hospers, Ia.	Sociology-Psych.
Leanne Van Leeuwen	Chino, Calif.	Language Arts
Nancy Van Mersbergen	Pella, Ia.	Music
Arlys Van Nyhuis	Boyden, Ia.	Mathematics
David Van Swol	Racine, Wis.	Psychology-Soc.
Charlotte Van Till	Ripon, Calif.	Library Science
Marilyn Van Till	Manteca, Calif.	Library Science
Virginia Van Zee	Newton, Ia.	Special Education
Gerald Vande Burgt	Hull, Ia.	Business Admin.
Carla Vande Griend	Ocheyedan, Ia.	Music
Douglas Vande Griend	Boyden, Ia.	Philosophy-History
Sandra Vande Kamp	Rock Valley, Ia.	Music
Lugene Vanden Bosch	Edgerton, Minn.	Communications
Lois Vander Horst	San Diego, Calif.	Music
Henry Vandermeer	Edmonton, Alta.	Physical Education
Leslie Vander Plaats	Hartley, Ia.	History
Agnes Vander Wal	Ripon, Calif.	Sociology
Glen Vander Well	Hull, Ia.	Business Admin.
Adrianus Verhoef	Chilliwick, B.C.	Philosophy-History
Florence Vis	Ladner, B.C.	Psychology-Soc.
Glenda Visser	Ripon, Calif.	Sociology
Vicki Visser	Raymond, Minn.	History
Ellen Vlieg	Edmonton, Alta.	Business Admin.
Patricia Vos	Edmonton, Alta.	Physical Education
Mary Vreeman	Muskegon, Mich.	Sociology
Richard Vriend	Edmonton, Alta.	Biology
Beverly Warner	South Holland, Ill.	Language Arts
Nigel Weaver	Thunder Bay, Ont.	Philosophy
Daniel Weitzel	Denver, Colo.	Sociology-Psych.
James Wykstra	Denver, Colo.	Psychology
Kristine Zylstra	Sioux Center, Ia.	English



## Etcetera

The athletic department has announced its "most valuable players" for the 1975-76 season: men's basketball - Dan Steenstra of Wayne, N.J.; women's basketball - Sandi Nieuwendorp of Sheldon, Ia. and Margaret De Valois of Lynden, Wash.; baseball - Doug Van Andel of Lynden, Wash.; softball - Peggy Nugteren of Leighton, Ia.; cross country and track - Mark Kauk of Saronville, Neb.; volleyball - Terri Vander Griend of Sioux City, Ia.

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The English Department chose Ruth Harthoorn of Boyden, Iowa and Randy Palmer of Wayne, N.J. as recipients of the Dordt Twenty-One Writing Awards. The \$100 and \$50 prizes were funded by a friend of the college.

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Dordt College has received a \$15,000 gift towards the Debt Reduction Drive again this year from a business organization owned by members of Dordt's constituency. This organization has been making sizeable gifts to the Debt Reduction Drive for a number of years.

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The Sioux Valley Section of the American Chemical Society granted Donna Van Engen of Rock Valley, Iowa a Senior Chemistry Major Award. The \$20 gift certificate is intended for ACS related activities. Donna plans to enter a Ph.D. program at Iowa State University in Ames, where she has received a scholarship and teaching assistantship.

## Verwolf Helps Students Through Academic Counseling

In John Verwolf's first four months as director of student programming and placement, he held 650 conferences with Dordt College's freshmen and with other upperclassmen seeking advice about their college schedules and career possibilities.

The congenial, soft-spoken former principal came to Dordt last fall from Watson-Groen Christian High School in Seattle to fill a new post for academic counseling. "Goal awareness is a major aspect of success at the college level," stated Verwolf. "It's important, but the kinds of goals that are made are often not the right kinds of goals." He administers tests and chats with students to try to set objectives with them.

"If a student can know his interests and know his abilities and can match those abilities and interests with a career, then he's on the right track," said Verwolf. "Then we're almost certain of satisfaction in the career he's chosen." If those abilities and interests are not matched with a vocation, "we're not going to glorify God very well," he added.

In the first semester he tries to meet with all the freshmen; then he sets appointments with students below average. Towards the end of the year he spends a large portion of time placing students in jobs or in graduate or professional schools. "We're placing more emphasis than before on non-teacher placement," he commented.



Shown above: Verwolf advising a student regarding her program of study.

But while there is "a tremendous effort in our country toward career planning, starting at kindergarten" said Verwolf, "students are too career-oriented sometimes, so that they can't see the purpose of taking a history course or an English course." He encourages students to seek a broad training in college.

Recognizing that college is pre-requisite to many jobs, he declared, however, that "college is much more than preparation for occupation. It is to broaden interests that can enrich all areas of life."

But even though a student may have his career and college program all worked out, Verwolf feels that many need aid developing study habits to carry the plan out. He has helped several to schedule their time.

He received special counseling training while obtaining his master of education degree at Seattle Pacific College.

## New Greenhouse Put to Good Use

Dordt has significantly enlarged its greenhouse, formerly used just for academic purposes, to include space for growing flowers for the grounds.

Delmar Vander Zee, assistant professor of biology, stated that the academic green-



Delmar Vander Zee, assistant professor of biology, examines a row of plants in the new greenhouse.

house was used only to grow and maintain plant specimens for his biology classes. It was not able to hold all the flowers that appear around every building on campus.

Because of the new greenhouse, Albert J. Boersma, Dordt College gardener, is able to grow many of the marigolds, snapdragons, petunias, geraniums and other flowers that he uses for his decorative arrangements.

"This is the second year," stated Boersma, "that many of the flowers seen on campus will come from the new greenhouse." He can also cut the cost of buying flowers from another greenhouse by digging up plants and bulbs in the fall before it freezes, putting them in the greenhouse, and starting new plants from cuttings.

Thanks to Boersma, colorful plants now decorate the tables in the student dining hall on a cold winter day.

Boersma helped build the new greenhouse last spring. In order to be able to use it early, they covered the steel frames with plastic. But last summer they finished the roof with durable fiberglass to make it more permanent.

## Additional Dordt Development Foundation Memberships

The following organizations and professional people from the local area were added recently to the membership list in the Dordt Development Foundation:

Achterhof Real Estate  
Dyna Tech  
Mouw Motor Co.  
Roggen & Ford  
Dr. R. Samani, M.D.  
Steve Siebersma  
Siouxland Trico  
Martin Sneller  
F. Jack Spitler, C.P.A.  
Van Beek Implement

The Dordt Development Foundation is an organization of local business and professional people who appreciate Dordt College and are interested in the promotion and development of the college. This year, the Foundation raised \$18,810 for Dordt, a 216% increase over last year's total of \$8,711.



## Special Scholarship Recipients

Eleven Dordt students recently received scholarships from several annual private funds and a few new awards.

Dan Dykstra of Hull, Iowa, received an Alumni Scholarship based on his academic achievement and leadership in extra-curricular activities. Interest from the alumni

fund provided the first scholarship this year.

Three business scholarships were awarded at the annual Future Business Executives Banquet. The R. J. Dykstra Business Scholarships went to Brent Assink, a junior from Lynden, Wash., and Ross Loomans, a sophomore from Fairwater, Wis. Wilbert Wichers, a sophomore from Bradenton, Fla., received the John Bonnema Business Scholarship.

Based on their musical performance and contribution to the Dordt Music Department, three underclassmen received Minnie Julia Dahm Music Scholarships. Brent Assink from Lynden, Wash. received the junior award; Kevin Schonewill from Volga, S.D. received the sophomore prize; and Brent Nymeyer from Lynden, Wash. received the freshman honors.

Two students received Minnie Julia Dahm Scholarships in the field of medicine. John Meernik of Sanborn, Iowa received the award for pre-medical students, and Mary Brand of New Sharon, Iowa received the award in medical technology.

The first annual Vanden Einde Scholarships went to two seniors: Mike Epema of Willmar, Minn. and Wayne Brouwer of Clara City, Minn.

## Institutional Grants-in-Aid

### Increased for the 1976-77

### School Year

Dordt College is raising its institutional grants-in-aid to students whose parents are members of the Christian Reformed Church as much as \$100. Members of other supporting churches receive the local grant rate.

Dordt offers the grants each year, since the churches involved regularly contribute to Dordt through classical quotas and church offerings. College officials raised them for the first time since 1967, due to rising costs.

Distance from the student's home determines the amount of aid he will receive, according to the following:

Distance from Dordt	New Rates	Former Rates
Within 20 miles	\$250	\$220
20 to 300 miles	\$280	\$250
300 to 1,000 miles	\$340	\$300
Over 1,000 miles	\$400	\$300

Students over 1,000 miles from home will fall in a new category for the first time this fall.

## Etcetera

Editors for Dordt's three student publications have been selected for next year. They are: Sandy Van Den Berg of Manhattan, Montana - editor of the Cannon; Vern Van Hofwegen of Edgerton, Minnesota - editor of the Diamond; and Ria Brouwer of Vineland Station, Ontario - editor of the Signet.

## Vander Stelt Speaks to CLAC



John Vander Stelt

John Vander Stelt, associate professor of philosophy and theology at Dordt College, delivered the keynote address at the 24th annual convention of the Christian Labor Association of Canada (CLAC) on April 10 in Toronto, Ont.

Under the theme, "Jubilee: Option or Obligation?" Vander Stelt examined the Old

Testament practice of the year of jubilee, which released all slaves and restored land to its original owners every 50 years. He applied these principles to the '70's to sharpen the identity and direction of the CLAC.

Vander Stelt also addressed a British Columbia chapter of the CLAC on the same topic in Vancouver on April 30.

The CLAC is an independent, Christian labor movement, certified by the Canadian government, with locals in Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, and British Columbia.

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Class presidents elected for the 1976-77 school year include the following students: senior class - Dan Jonker of Spencer, Iowa; junior class - John Kanis of Pella, Iowa; and sophomore class - Bill Mulder of Norwalk, California. Mr. Jonker will also serve as president of the student forum.

## Special Subscriber Banquet Held May 1

Even though a blizzard on March 12 forced the Special Subscribers to reset the date of the spring banquet, close to 450 people attended the event on May 1.

Each year the college expresses its appreciation to the Special Subscribers from the area by sponsoring this banquet which has become a very popular event.

Ale Cor, a musical group from the Dordt Chorale, provided special music for the evening doing a bicentennial overview of the history of American music. John Kanis and Randy Nieuwsma entertained the group with a humorous skit. Lyle Gritters, Director of Development, served as master of ceremonies.

The Special Subscriber Organization has grown dramatically over the past five years. Today, there are nearly 800 members from all over the United States and parts of Canada.

Ten year plaque recipients who received their awards at the banquet are from left to right, back row: Arend Broek, Sioux Center, Ia.; Cornie Hoekstra, Boyden, Ia.; Henry Mast, Volga, S.D.; John Philipsen, Brooten, Mn.; E. John Kusters, Sioux Center, Ia.; Lee R. Bakker, Wellsburg, Ia.; Elmer K. Kreykes, Sheldon, Ia.; John W. Kreykes, Sheldon, Ia. Front row: John C. Vander Haag, Jr., Sanborn, Ia.; John Van't Land, Inwood, Ia.; Arie Vander Beek, Brooten, Mn.; Mrs. Sadie Faber, Sioux Center, Ia.; John Runia, Sibley, Ia.; Gerrit Vaandrager, Sheldon, Ia.; John R. Kreykes, Sheldon, Ia.





## If You Are Finished Using It, We Would Like to Have It!

by Verlyn De Wit  
Development Representative

Q. Finished using what?

A. Your life insurance.

Q. What do you mean, "Finished using it?"

A. Life insurance is usually purchased with a specific purpose in mind. For example, perhaps you purchased a policy on your life to insure your child of a college education, and your child has long since graduated from college. Maybe you have a policy on your life that was intended to protect your wife or husband who has died, a child who is grown, or a mortgage already paid. These are policies that we would say you have already "used."

If your family's financial needs for particular situations have been met without having to draw from your life insurance, and your life insurance is still in force, you could make a much-needed gift to Dordt College using this obsolete policy.

The procedure is easy. Contact your life agent and tell him you want to change the beneficiary of your policy to Dordt College. Or perhaps you would like to name Dordt as a co-beneficiary to receive part of the proceeds of your policy, or even contingent beneficiary so that the college would receive the proceeds should your first beneficiary die before you do. In any event you are making a very much-needed gift to Dordt College. Your "obsolete" insurance policy could then be used someday to educate covenant youth who are preparing for service in Christ's Kingdom.

We ask that you review your existing policies. Maybe you have one of those small \$1,000 policies that your parents bought years ago. Do you really need it now? Maybe you have a policy that protects a business that no longer exists. Even if you have stopped making payments on these policies the possibility is great that they could still make a sizeable donation to our work at Dordt.

Please write to the Development Office, Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA 51250 if you would like information on the tax advantages, or any other questions you may have concerning this type of giving. We would very much appreciate hearing from you if you are considering a life insurance gift or have already made one.

Please send information concerning a gift of life insurance. I would especially like information in the following area:

- ☐ Procedure necessary to change policy  
☐ Tax benefits  
☐ Options available  
☐ Other

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## Men's Baseball Team Completes Successful Season



The Dordt baseball team, coached by Syne Altena, completed the season's games with a 14-12 record—a record number of wins per season.

Voted most valuable player by the team, Doug Van Andel, catcher, went on to become Dordt's first baseball player to make the NAIA team. District 15 of the NAIA includes most of the small colleges in Iowa.

"It was the most successful season we've ever had," commented Altena. "We had 15 to 17 players who were capable of starting. Because of the equal ability of players, all members contributed a great deal to the team."

Pictured left to right are (front row): Jim Gray, Corwith, Ia.; Joe Schierbeek, Phoenix, Az.; Dave Gritter, Holland, Mi.; Steve Groen, Renville, Mn.; Ivan Van Duyn, Humboldt, S.D.; Rick Veldman, Grand Rapids, Mi. Middle row: Bill Termaat, Rock Valley, Ia.; Doug Vande Griend, Boyden, Ia.; Rob Van Riessen, Sioux Center, Ia.; Barry Miedema, Alton, Ia.; Larry Baker, Midland Park, N.J.; Doug Van Andel, Lynden, Wa.; Tim Serr, Eureka, S.D. Back row: Dallas Apol, Assistant Coach; Jeff Kuiper, Sturtevant, Wi.; Tom Le Mahieu, Oostburg, Wi.; Jerry De Wit, Doon, Ia.; Kent Van Groningen, Ripon, Ca.; Daryl Vander Well, Hull, Ia.; Bill Van Der Weide, Lakewood, Ca.; Rodney Spoelstra, Oskaloosa, Ia.; Syne Altena, Head Coach. Not pictured: Dennis Selvig, Blue Earth, Mn.; Ray Uhlig, Perkasio, Pa.

### ANNUITY AND ENDOWMENT GIFTS

\* \$2,500 - gift annuity from a couple in Northwest Iowa.

\* \$25,000 - endowment bequest from a lady in Northwest Iowa. This gift has been designated for the new chapel.

Dordt hereby acknowledges its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to these Kingdom-loving friends for their substantial contributions to the Lord's work through Christian Higher Education.

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